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## REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

### ITEMS FOR WOMEN

The St. Louis Labor Tribune, whose editorials we always read and often quote in East Bay Labor Journal, said not long ago:

"Labor, national organ of the railroad unions, recently asked its 300,000 subscribers whether it should turn over more space in its 4-page weekly to comics, sports and items of interest to women. With only a few exceptions, those who replied emphatically said, NO. We believe this cross-section of opinion of readers of one of the nation's top labor weeklies reflects sound discernment... A labor paper is either a union organ, or it is not. It can't be all things to all men as our dailies try to be. Read your labor paper to know all about labor, not about batting averages, cooking or the right thing to wear—you get that from the better-staffed daily."

With all this the present writer agrees except in the matter of "items of interest to women."

### TWO GOOD REASONS

East Bay Labor Journal has now for some years, despite its limited space and staff, carried on the second page in practically every issue some items believed to be of special interest to women. This includes some discussion by Edith McConnell, and a special editorial intended to interest women.

If we had more room in the paper, we'd print more such news items and discussions for our women readers. Why? There are two reasons:

1—It's still a "man's world" even in the labor movement, which is supposed to be interested in the welfare of all humanity. There's still too much tendency to think that men know best, and that women in the unions don't know what's good for them. This is partly because women, whether in unions or in the home, do have, and with good reason, different approaches to problems and to pleasures than men do, and since they're different, men in the labor movement, as in the world at large, go on assuming serenely that women are inferior.

2—Some of the most important women, so far as the interests of labor are concerned, are not in the unions at all, except by proxy; they're the wives, or sisters, sweethearts, orkins of male union members. If they have no interest in the union, never care to look at the union paper, they can't understand why their man should do such a thing as strike, and, come election time, they can't understand why that nice man with the bald head, the general's uniform, and the Hollywood-trained smile shouldn't be allowed to do what he and his Big Business pals wish to do to unions.

MR. OSTRICH

Accordingly, "items of interest to women" come in an entirely different category from "comics, sports, batting averages," etc.

However, if any of us men want to go on being Mr. Ostrich and sticking our heads in the sand so we can't see how important the other half of the human race is in relation to unionism, that's strictly up to Mr. Ostrich. But that isn't the name of the present writer.



EAST BAY DELEGATES to the first annual Leadership Conference of Hospital & Institutional Workers Union, Local 250, on Saturday, February 25, were seated 1. to r: Jacqueline McDonald, Alta Bates Hospital; Sybil Sparks, Kaiser Richmond Hospital; Irene Robinson and Mamie McIntyre, Kaiser Vallejo Hospital; Annie Blint, Samuel Merritt Hospital; Frank Chalken, Albany Hospital, (a Union member for 42 years); 250 Representatives Agnes Granger and John Robinson; and standing 1. to r: Ed Mayalone and Ed Bokinske, Pittsburgh Community Hospital, also representing Concord Community Hospital and Antioch Hospital; Willie Price, Kaiser Vallejo Hospital; Rev. Joseph Goins, Oakland Kaiser Hospital; Louis McMullin, Samuel Merritt Hospital; Joseph Seccitanio; Al Hurson, President and Virgil Swenson, Vice President Local 250, Kaiser Hospital; Walrus Creek; Chester Brown, Herrick Memorial Hospital; Russell Beard, Oakland Kaiser Hospital; and Toffick Sadequivalad, Alameda Hospital. The group pictured is only part of the delegation attending the Leadership Conference.

## Water Might Quit Us and Go South, Labor Council Warned

### Cross Endorsed In Congress Dist. 7; Knight Hit, Lauded

Impressive warning was given to the Central Labor Council this week that the water with which Mother Nature has blessed the East Bay area may very soon pick up and leave these parts under the guidance of man, Southern California man to be specific.

The warning was given by Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, who with E. H. Vernon, Auto Machinists 1546, had as a representative of the CLC attended a recent gathering of some 60 persons in the Board of Supervisors room in the Courthouse.

The Supervisors had requested that labor, along with other groups, have representatives at the meeting.

"People from all parts of the county were there," said Kopke, "and although working people make up the largest part of the population, there were only three of us there. Building Trades Council Business Representative, J. L. Childers, and the two of us from this council."

Taking a piece of chalk, Kopke drew on the blackboard sweeping lines coming to a point, the lines representing the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and the point being Atwater.

"We have just sat here very complacently under the rule of the Tribune Tower," said Kopke, "figuring Nature had supplied us with water, and all we had to do was keep on living the life of a cow country, although Alameda county is the second largest in the State in population. But now the time has come when the many millions of people in the southern part of the State, who have the votes, are short of water."

The southern end of the State, he said, was very active in pressing on the Legislature, which had begun its new session the day Kopke spoke, plans for diverting the bulk of the water down there.

"The Board of Supervisors has let this go too long," said Kopke, "but now that they've waked up I think labor should pack them in their desire to get legislative representative to attend to our county's interests on water now, during the present session."

Kopke read a policy statement prepared by the Super-

Labor Spokesmen For School Bonds

At the request of East Bay Labor Journal, S. M. Pratt, secretary of the Greater Alameda County Industrial Union Council, supplies the following information on the labor aspect of the Oakland school bond drive:

Chas Howard called a meeting of a number of people representing a broad cross section of the Oakland population in order to get the campaign for the Oakland School Bond election under way.

A committee composed of Mr. Howard, Mr. Mulford, Mr. Herbert, and Mr. Ken Morris were selected to engage a Campaign Manager.

Various other committees, public relations, finance, and school areas, were appointed.

Serving on the policy committee, which will meet from time to time to give direction and impetus to the campaign are two labor representatives: Robert S. Ash, Secretary of the Central Labor Council, and S. M. Pratt of the Alameda County CIO Council were named to assist in bringing the facts of the proposed bond issue to the members of organized labor in Oakland.

DR. LAURANCE L. CROSS

of Labor Vice President Harry Finks of Sacramento to run Knight as Vice President, and an attack on Knight's attitude by leading Democrats.

Senator Knowland got into the news, too, by saying that he thought President Eisenhower should do something more in the campaign than just talk over TV and radio.

### KNIGHT'S APPEAL

Knight addressed his appeal to Democrats to support Eisenhower in a talk before the Republican Assembly at a dinner in the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

The Governor said that Democrats should join in to the age of 66 at the end of that term in 1962, and that he intends to stay in office the full term if reelected.

Reports of a conflict between Beck and AFL-CIO President George Meany on the relationship between the Teamsters and the newly merged organization have also been given wide publicity. Meany has been preparing to launch a new drive to take control of the New York waterfront from the old International Longshoremen's Association, which Meany had thrown out of the AFL on the ground that it was racket-ridden.

Democratic leaders promptly replied that the Governor's speech was a "brazen attempt to make it appear that Republican leaders are united back of Mr. Eisenhower's second-term ambitions," and that a "three-headed unity slate" had been picked by the Governor's campaign managers, the public relations firm of Whitaker & Baxter, and others.

The Democratic leaders insisted that the "three-headed unity slate" completely ignored liberal Republicans of the Warren type, "liberalists who can't stomach Nixon, who won't take

Knowland, and who refuse to follow Knight." They advised such liberal Republicans to vote the Democratic ticket.

The Democrats issuing the statement were: Attorney General Pat Brown, Elizabeth Snyders, rather than out here, Kent, northern chairman of the Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary will hold their annual rummage sale Tuesday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 470 9th street.

To have your rummage picked up please phone GL 2-2768, say President Tillie Bartmess and Chairman Emma Vice.

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## Beck Says Report Hoffa to Replace Him is Falsehood

Dave Beck, international president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, said in Phoenix last week that there is no truth to a report by Fortune Magazine that he has made a deal to step down and let International Vice President James Hoffa of Detroit take his place.

Various publications have been reporting the rumor for some time. One trade magazine of the trucking industry said

### MEANY INVESTIGATES TO AFL-CIO RIVAL

The AFL-CIO News, official publication of the United Labor Movement, announced on page one of the March 3 issue that AFL-CIO President George Meany "promised to investigate published reports that the Teamsters Union will deposit \$400,000 in a Chicago bank to pay debts incurred by the International Longshoremen's Association since it was expelled from the AFL in 1953."

The fact that Teamsters Vice President James Hoffa had "made it clear" that the Teamsters "would support the ILA in any representation election with the Brotherhood of Longshoremen chartered by the AFL-CIO" was cited.

"As soon as I obtain the facts," Meany was quoted as saying, "I will take whatever action the circumstances warrant, in accordance with the principles set forth in the constitution of the AFL-CIO."

strikes of the police would be intolerable.

The police chief knows very well, Mulgrew pointed out, that police unions don't strike. Like the postal employees, they are organized in unions, but they don't strike.

"The police chief wishes to scare people with the idea that if the policemen are organized in a union, they will strike," said Mulgrew.

Joseph Hightower, Carpenter 36, recently back from the State Council of Carpenters gathering in San Jose, said that the police chief of that city where the police have long been unionized, told the conference that his one criticism was that not absolutely all of the police men in San Jose had joined up yet.

In San Jose, said Hightower the police chief, and the sheriff of Santa Clara county, are honorary members of the Brick Masons, and are pleased to be associated with unionism.

Rutledge said that the many members of unions who have friends on the City Council should discuss the matter with them.

Harry Boughion, Painter 127, said that Chief Vernon has thrown down the gauntlet to labor, and the effort to help the police should be pressed with all the energy and resources of organized labor.

Delegate Flanagan, Carpenter 36, said it was reported in the press that the chief had called in policemen and threatened them if they had failed to obey his ukase to keep away from unionism; but there had certainly been nothing in the press about the chief telling the officers that they should withdraw from other organizations.

(Some of the other organizations to which policemen belong as organized labor to be, in effect, company unions.)

Boughion brought up the question of City Manager Thompson's attitude, and BTC President J. S. Miller comment—

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## Oakland City Council Is Told BTC Supports a Police Union

The Oakland City Council was informed in emphatic terms by speakers at the Building Trades Council meeting Tuesday night that organized labor expects any member of the City Council who wishes to be considered a friend of Labor to vote, when the matter comes up, that policemen shall be permitted to form a union.

Speakers expressed their intention of getting in touch with members of the City Council and discussing the matter. They said that they were sure many others would do so. Hugh Rutledge, Painter 127, said the issue comes before the City Council Thursday of next week.

### APRIL 12 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR VOTING IN THE JUNE PRIMARY

April 12 is the deadline for registering to vote in the June elections.

If you failed to vote in the last Statewide primary election, and if you also failed to vote in the general election, then you have to re-register.

In order to register, you have to have been in the State one year, in the county 90 days, and in the precinct 54 days.

County Clerk Jack Blue reminds you that you can register in any firehouse.

## Hayward Council Backs Attaway's Sears-Kahn Stand

The policy backed by Floyd Attaway in the controversy over the zoning of a strip of land near Hayward in order to provide for the building of the \$28,000,000 proposed Sears-Kahn Shopping Center was supported unanimously by the Hayward City Council Tuesday night.

Attaway's stand had first become prominent in Hayward affairs when as a member of the City Planning Commission he voted for the adding of the Sears-Kahn Shopping Center to Hayward's facilities. He summed it all up by saying that "it was pretty much a waste of time."

Ray Hernandez, Berkeley Teachers Union, said it seemed strange that so little attention was paid to the need for better wages and conditions, since a Ford Foundation report showed that 73% of the men teachers leave because of this.

Herb Sims, Engineers 39, said his experience at the Stanford meeting convinced him that the proposal that any teacher have freedom to join an organization such as a real labor union simply shocked those in attendance.

The consensus was that these meetings are stacked with stooges of the Taxpayers League, P-TA members, etc. Sims suggested more labor people get active in the P-TA.

George Rice, Electricians 1245, made a motion which was carried that the executive board draw up rules governing the sending of delegates to the many conferences called by the Governor and others.

"I've been a conference bum more years than I care to think of," said Rice, indicating that he thought most of these conferences were politically inspired and, like the teachers' recruiting meetings, "a waste of time."

## Anti-Union Chief Calls in the Men

Oakland Police Chief W. W. Vernon summoned police officers into his office Monday to demand whether or not they had given up the idea of forming a police union, or a union of any group of public employees. He announced that he would take disciplinary action against any officer found to be a member of the union.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash at the meeting of that organization Monday evening said that while a charter for such a union had been applied for, it had not been installed.

Ash said that as things stand in California there is no law to prevent the forming of a police union, or a union of any group of public employees.

The action of the Hayward City Council Tuesday night consisted in unanimous approval of 227-acre Long Annex, and interim zoning 110 acres of the property for business and commercial use, with the balance zoned for residential development.

Attaway appeared before the City Council Tuesday night and spoke for support of the resolution. He said that earlier proposals to zone the area for light industry and warehouses seemed undesirable in view of the fact that residential development had already so greatly encroached on the area.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council Monday night unanimously authorized Secretary Robert S. Ash to have a letter before the Hayward City Council Tuesday night strongly backing Attaway's position.

## San Leandro Bond Election Mar. 13

Labor people working for the passage of the \$6,000,000 bonds for the San Leandro school district at the election this coming Tuesday, March 13, were this week reminding voters that a two-thirds majority is needed, two votes in favor for every one opposing.

The need for the bonds is held to be pressing, as school enrollment has risen from 1739 in 1940 to 9889 in 1955.

**HOW TO BUY****More Tips on Tax-Savers**By SIDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

(This is the concluding instalment of an article on income tax returns.)

**Sick-Pay Exclusion:** One of the best tax savers now available to working folks, but which Prerat is still confusing to many people, is the sick-pay exclusion. The pay you receive during the first week of an illness is taxable. But after that, you can subtract from your taxable income up to \$100 a week of pay received while sick. Or, if you were hospitalized at least one day, or your illness was due to an injury even if not on the job, you can subtract up to \$100 of pay received during the first week too. You can subtract the "sick pay" from your taxable income even if you don't itemize other deductions.

Payments from workmen's compensation, sickness insurance or damages you recover for injury are completely tax exempt and should not be included in your taxable income.

**Permissible Long-Form Deductions:** If you find that your potential deductions do add up to ten percent of your taxable income, and you adopt the long-form return, here are important tax savers. **Property damages** you can deduct include any sudden and unexpected damage to your home, car, boat or other property for which you weren't reimbursed such as damage from collision, hurricane and other storms, water pipes or car freezing up; shrubbery damaged by ice or wind; water damage to retaining walls or to your home from storms or burst pipes; damage caused by heater and boiler explosions and other natural forces.

**Contributions** you can deduct include not only cash given to charities, non-profit institutions and churches, but also the fair market value of goods or food donated, and children's contributions to church and Sunday school; **interest payments** you can deduct include not only mortgage interest on loans or carrying charges on time payments; **deductible work expenses** include cost of work uniforms which are required for your job and aren't suitable for ordinary wear; safety shoes and other safety equipment, tools and technical literature, union dues and assessments, travel expenses if required by your work (but not commuting expense); **other taxes** which are deductible from Federal income tax include property taxes, state and city income taxes, state gas tax, local and state sales and "use" taxes, poll taxes, auto and driver's license fees, city amusement taxes, occupational

**Merritt Business School New Term**

The new spring term of evening classes at Merritt School of Business, a division of the Oakland Junior College, will start on April 2. Registrations will be accepted April 2, 3, 4, and 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The classes scheduled provide an excellent opportunity for improving office skills or for learning new ones, using up-to-date office equipment including all types of calculating machines, electric typewriters, transcribing machines, and various accounting machines.

Related classes of interest to people in distributive fields include: Business Speaking, Real Estate Law, and Salesmanship.

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As a public junior college, there is no tuition fee. The only cost is a \$2 registration fee. Textbooks and supplies may be purchased at the school book-store.

For information concerning these and other courses, telephone Humboldt 3-6110 or call at the office, 5714 Grove Street, Oakland.

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## OPINIONS

### W. YEOMAN

I read your good editorial in the February 17 issue "Gas Steal And The Two Parties," with interest, and am wholeheartedly in agreement with you, but the sad thing is we have the same problem in our own back yard.

The following quotation is from Drew Pearson's Column, that appeared in the San Leandro Morning News, February 7, 1956.

"When Congressman George Miller, Democrat of California, was running last time he got a call from Speaker Sam Rayburn to see if he needed any money. Miller said he did, and Sam sent him \$2500."

"So when the Gas Bill came up for a vote last summer, Miller was found voting on the side of the big Gas Companies."

Very truly yours,

W. YEOMAN  
16186 Via Arriba  
San Lorenzo

**Editor's Note:** Congressman Miller has informed East Bay Labor Journal that "there is not a scintilla of truth in the story Drew Pearson published that I received \$2500 from Speaker Sam Rayburn. Anyone who knows Sam Rayburn knows he is not a bagman for the special interests."

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### GREENLAND

Ed Robertson writes from San Pablo that craftsmen who worked at Thule, Greenland, during the 1955 season have received a letter from the new contractor who has landed the job, asking them if they wish to work there in 1956.

The rate of return for sheet metal workers, says Robertson, which is offered this year "is a cut of about \$73 every two weeks from what it was last year. Looks like the Elephant is at work . . . I certainly thought we had better laws, especially on Government projects spending Government money."

One of the conditions laid down by the new contractor, styling itself "Greenland Contractors: A Joint Venture" is that "employees will be paid straight time only, regardless of hours worked."

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### THEY READ IT!

Editor, Labor Journal:

Again I wish to thank you for the excellent meeting notices for our local which appear in your paper.

The notice for the January, 1956 meeting resulted in an attendance of 92% of our total membership.

Cordially and

fraternally yours,  
JOSEPH FALLS, Sec'y  
School Employees 257

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### UNSAVORY

We note with little enthusiasm the movement of the International Boxing Guild, the man's organization outlawed in New York, to secure a charter in the AFLCIO. The sports pages of the papers have revealed some rather unsavory aspects of the fight business, notably involving the managers' guild.—Chicago Federation News.

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## EDITORIALS

### Batten & Barton & Durstine & Osborn Put on an Ike Show

Not long ago, says an article in the Reporter, that excellent fortnightly, Howard Pyle, former Governor of Arizona and now Deputy Assistant to the President, told a Printer's Ink survey-taker that "the Republican Party has long been identified with BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn). They represent us at campaign time and all the time in between on a retainer."

Printer's Ink is a leading trade publication devoted to the interests of big advertisers and advertising agencies. BBDO is one of the leading advertising agencies.

It was BBDO, the Reporter goes on to say, that did the Citizens for Eisenhower show on the eve of the 1952 Election Day, in which the little people were supposed to be reporting to Ike on the progress of his crusade. ("Well, all the guys I know out in Korea," said Typical Veteran, "figure there's only one man for the job. General, and that's you. We've been getting tired of politicians, and we'd like to see a real commander-in-chief on the job." Announcer: "Thanks, soldier. I guess maybe that is all America's answer, too." Crowd: "We want Ike. We want Ike.")

Corny hokum. But it worked in 1952, and so on The Great Day, February 29, 1956, BBDO put on another corny hokum show, or rather put the finishing touch on a show they'd been conducting for months.

The Great Guessing Contest. Was he, or wasn't he? Was the country going to perish, or was the Hero going to step forth and rescue the prostrate figure of Columbia the Gem of the Ocean, tied across the railroad track by some unmentionable scoundrel—rescue her just as the dread Democratic choochoo was about to roll over here? Yes, he was, and he did! Hooray!

But before that last wonderful moment when the Hero stepped forth and broke the interesting news that the White House job is so easy that "adverse effects on my health will be less in the Presidency than in any other position I might hold"—before that final breathtaking revelation had been made, the BBDO had been showmanship beautifully.

Here and there a brother of Ike would say, "I'm sure Big Brother is gonna run," and then all the geese in the pen would begin noisemaking again. The suspense was wonderful.

But Wall Street, which belongs to Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, or which owns the BBDO outfit, we've forgotten which, Wall Street took the tip from the brotherly nudges. By the time Der Big Tag came along, the Zero Hour when the Big Egg was to be laid, the Wall Streeters had got the point: Ike was going to run, so they did all their maneuvering on the stock market in advance, and when the final "startling" news came, they had cashed in, and only the suckers were clamoring to buy.

Or, as the Associated Press put it on Der Big Tag: "The market has been fairly strong for the last two weeks. Many buyers of this period were the sellers today. The various straws in the wind had meant Mr. Eisenhower would run. When the YES came they sold on today's early upsurge while plenty of other folk were clamoring to buy."

Seems strange that Democratic National Chairman Butler was so dumb as to ask for equal space on radio and TV for the Democrats to reply. There was nothing to reply to. It was just a danged good piece of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne entertainment. Who wants to reply to entertainment? Why not just laugh and be glad we all had free passes to the show, with no obligation to pay up next November with a vote for Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne?

### Red Jackals Bite Dead Lion

The Communist People's World, discussing the significance of the recent 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, employs an amusing bit of literary legerdemain in referring to the way the live jackals of the Soviet tore the stuffing out of the dead lion, Stalin. Says the Commie paper editorially:

"The Congress frankly discussed mistakes and shortcomings . . . it criticized . . . the absence of collective leadership in the Communist Party for many years."

That's a slick way to put it, but that isn't the way we'd say it. We'd say that the miserable lickspittles who kissed the old scoundrel's boots as long as he was alive and powerful, have now developed enough courage in their cowardly souls to crawl out of the woodwork and squirt poison on the dead.

The Commie paper, spokesmen for the live jackals as it formerly was for the old lion, concludes its clerky task for Moscow by stating, correctly enough, that "the Soviet Union . . . cannot be denounced out of existence," and that "there is no choice for our country but to live with it . . . Our country." Those two words, also, deserve translation into reality, but we leave that task to the imagination of our readers.

### As Soon as Possible

The San Francisco Chronicle says that General President Dave Beck of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has written a letter to the membership of that union containing this advice:

"Let us all take full advantage of the two-year provision that the merger committee recommended."

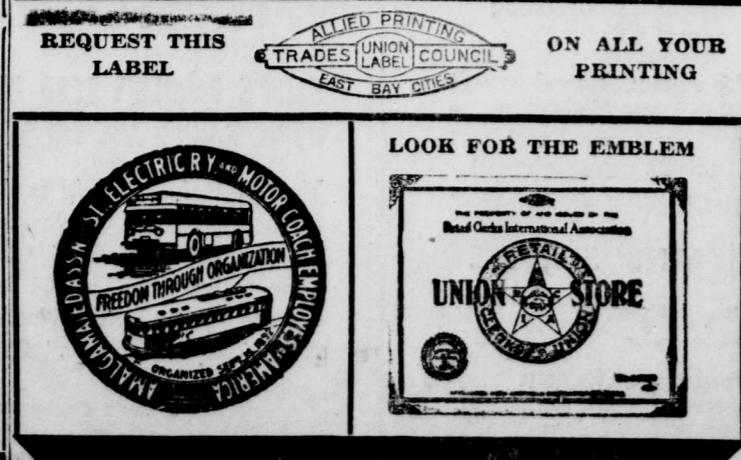
The Chronicle quotes C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, as saying that the Teamster action may delay plans to merge the Federation with the CIO State Council this summer; it also quotes Teamster Jack Goldberger, president of the S. F. Labor Council, as saying that now "a careful study will be made" of merger plans locally.

Beck's letter was addressed to the Teamster membership, not to the AFLCIO membership in general; the merger committee and AFLCIO President Meany have recommended that on local and State levels merger be accomplished as soon as possible within the two-year final limit.

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When making purchases always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one set that the men doing the plumbing or steamfittering work, painting job, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



## "He Did It"



## Office People In Butchers, Teamos

An agreement between the Teamsters and the Butchers in San Francisco to divide up office workers in an organizational drive was reported last week in the daily press.

On the international level, the two unions recently worked out a mutual assistance pact.

In San Francisco Rudy Tham, secretary-treasurer of the Teamster Freight Clerks & Clerical Employees Local 856, was reported as saying that the Teamsters will organize the packing house office workers and the Butchers will organize office workers in the meat jobbing houses.

George Mesure, Butchers 115, said office workers of 39 meat jobbing plants have been signed up and a contract will be announced soon.

Tham said he has signed up the H. Moffatt Co. under a master contract "covering all packing houses" in his area, and that the contract provides for wage increases of from \$22 to \$60 a month, plus health insurance and pension plan participation.

## Town Fair to Be Big Event: Diviny

With the labor management cooperation we have received already, we can expect to give the people of San Francisco and the Bay Area a tremendous variety of merchandise from which to choose at the Town Fair."

So stated Joseph Diviny, General Chairman for the Town Fair benefit for the City of Hope, in a recent interview.

The merchandise will be sold at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Van Ness and Sutter Streets, San Francisco, March 23 through 26.

All proceeds from the Town Fair will go to the City of Hope National Medical Center to help in its three-pronged battle with the catastrophic diseases—tuberculosis, cancer, leukemia, Hodgkin's disease and heart ailments.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUES** starts in January held at about the December 1955 level and totaled 74,000 units, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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## Successful Welfare Plans\*



### Minimum of Red Tape

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"RETAIL FOOD CLERK'S UNION LOCAL 870 has been doing business with Blue Cross since the establishment of its first Health and Welfare Plan in 1950.

"As evidence of generally satisfactory relations with Blue Cross, Welfare Plans have since been negotiated for other divisions of the local and by mutual agreement of the membership and employer representatives, these programs are also handled by Blue Cross.

"Claims are handled with a minimum of red tape and the spirit of the agreement and not just the letter has been followed. Disputes have been relatively few and have been met and usually resolved, on a courteous and cooperative basis.

"The member's relatively free choice of physician and hospital has been especially appealing.

"Blue Cross has been of great value to our membership in meeting the burden of medical expense at today's rates."

HARRIS C. WILKIN  
Secretary-Treasurer Retail Food Clerks Union  
Local 870, Oakland

\*One of a series in which labor leaders

state their views on one or more of the factors they believe are essential in a sound welfare plan.